

of the platinum group, gold, silver, rhodium- or noble-metal-containing catalyst residues are removed from organic solutions or solvents.

22. (Original) A process according to Claim 19 wherein heavy metals or noble metals are removed from recycle wastes.

23. (Original) A process according to Claim 19 wherein alkaline-earth metals are removed from saline solutions from alkali metal chloride electrolysis.

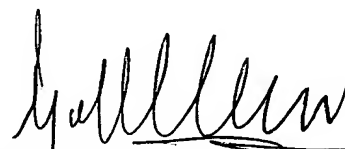
24. (Original) A process according to Claim 19 wherein heavy metals are removed from substances that are converted by electrolytic treatment.

#### REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is requested. Applicants have cancelled Claims 2-16.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, examination of the non-cancelled claim is requested.

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